

Children Enter Poster Contest

Budding Rembrandts from North Torrance to Walleria were busy applying the finishing touches to original posters as part of "Poster Week," being sponsored by the recreation department.

Children in all of the playgrounds have been working on posters of one type or another, according to department workers.

The posters, drawn for the most part by 7- and 8-year-olds, will be judged tomorrow on the basis of originality, neatness, and clarity of thought.

EX-GOPHER STATERS SET ANNUAL PICNIC

Former residents of Minnesota will hold their annual state picnic Sunday at Bixby Park in Long Beach. The program will begin at 1 p.m.

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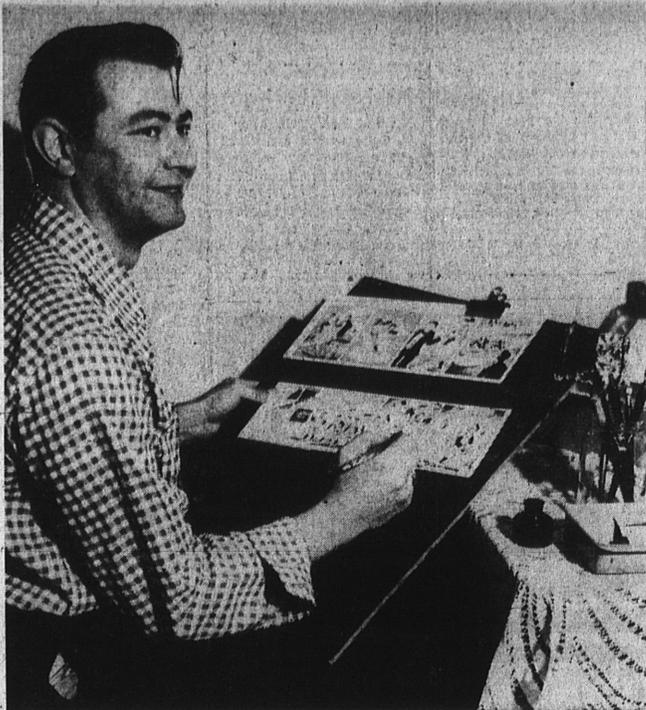
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FUNNY MAN . . . Hard at work on his cartoon strip is Dean Fisher, of 825 1/2 Sartori avenue, who is a professional funny man . . . or should that be funny-paper man. Dean works on the dining room table at home, turning out cartoons by the mile. He sells 'em, too, which is the idea behind the whole thing.—Herald photo.

CARTOONIST HITS MARK

Local Artist Gets Sports Strip Syndicated in 27 Weekly Papers

By REID BUNDY

If starting young has anything to do with it, one Torrance resident should go far in his chosen profession.

He is Dean Fisher, 24-year-old Navy veteran, and he has been at the business of drawing pictures of one kind or another for the past 18 years. He admits some improvement in the ensuing years, of course.

Now drawing a sports series which is syndicated in 27 weekly newspapers around the country, Fisher, who lives at 825 1/2 Sartori avenue with his wife, Dorothy, says he has always been interested in art, and guesses "that I actually got serious about cartooning when I was about 6."

After graduating from high school, he attended the University of Washington at Seattle for a year, then came down to Los Angeles where he attended the Billy Hon Cartoon School in Hollywood.

Turning his hand to commercial art, the young artist soon found that selling such art in a highly competitive field was much harder than doing the original work. He soon gave up and went back to cartooning.

He tried strips and singles (Dick Tracy comes in strips, Major Hoople in singles), and managed to "sell" some singles to the magazines "Sir!" and "Swing." Strips were still his ambition, however, and Fisher was still trying to "hit with one."

The Atlas Feature Syndicate of Los Angeles, syndi-

cators of comics and other feature material, recently thought Dean had made the grade. On Jan. 1 of this year they picked up his "Windy Windup" sports strip and put it in the 27 weeklies.

"That was very encouraging," Dean admits. Now he is busy trying to sell another strip called "Zachary."

Zachary, who plays the title role in the strip, is an extremely precocious parrot of doubtful lineage.

"Zachary does a lot of crazy things," Fisher says.

Author of the gags for Dean's cartoons is John Corcoran, a writer who specializes in ideas for cartoons. Both are brimming over with ideas that will probably be in the funnies some day.

In fact, whenever anyone tells him, "I'll see you in the funnies," Dean mutters to himself, "Boy, I hope so."

School Board Studys Budget

Now under study by School Board officials is the proposed 1950-51 budget of \$1,383,623, due to be considered for adoption on July 1.

Detailed as projected expenditures were \$132,270 for operation of plant, \$842,955 for instruction, \$60,270 for auxiliary agencies, \$70,633 for capital outlay, \$63,845 for administration, \$41,750 for maintenance, \$34,400 for fixed charges, \$12,500 for community services, \$25,000 for undistributed reserve and \$100,000 for general reserve.

Estimated actual expenditures for this fiscal year are \$1,117,762. Hull said that about \$100,000 had been pared from the amounts originally requested by principals and other school executives.

Loan Co. Voted C of C Membership

Members of the board of Directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce Monday afternoon voted membership in the Chamber to the Public Loan Corporation, 1623 Cravens avenue.

The firm is under the management of Carl L. Fillstein. William P. Martin is assistant manager.

Letters To The Editor

May 28, 1950

Dear Sir:

In appreciation of Mrs. Helen Mitchell, of the "Welcome Wagon" and as a very newcomer to California and Torrance, I write this letter (I hope for publication).

I have traveled for years, (all of my 35) both in foreign countries and in the United States, and I have never found anything that equals the "Welcome Wagon."

I have been feeling very lonely and friendless since arriving in California, November 1949—but Mrs. Mitchell certainly gave me the "lift" I needed.

As a result I feel very much at home in Torrance. My sincere thanks too, to all the gracious merchants in Torrance for their very nice gifts and as a "newcomer" I assure them I will patronize them.

Briefly, let's say—I like Mrs. Mitchell, I like the "Welcome Wagon" and I am very grateful to all the merchants.

Mrs. Dorothy M. Strauss
4320 West 182nd street

Editor

Torrance Herald

As a newcomer to Torrance, I would like to say I have enjoyed "getting acquainted" with the business concerns in your telephone contest.

Never have I lived in a more friendly city and I have lived in quite a few.

I enjoy reading the Torrance Herald and eagerly await its arrival every Thursday morning.

Looking forward to a long and happy life in your fair city, I am

MRS. PAT SCOTT
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Make-Up Work Offered At El Camino College

High school graduates who must make up work before entering college will have an opportunity to wipe out subject deficiencies by attending summer session at El Camino College, according to Dr. Lyle Tussing, director of instruction.

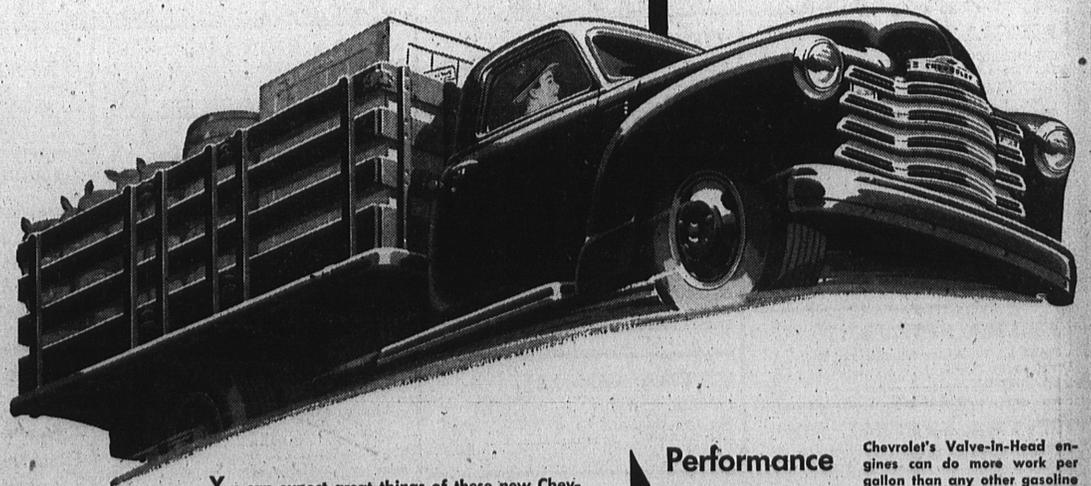
Registration for the six-week summer program will be held July 5. Classes begin July 6 and run until August 16.

Among the 80 courses being offered are such college entrance requirements as elementary algebra, plane geometry, physics, chemistry and biology.

Any person who is a high school graduate or is 18 years old may enroll for the tuition-free classes at the college.

Many other classes are also offered, ranging from art, ceramics and music to typing, Spanish, psychology, philosophy and public speaking.

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Commission's Law Ruling Favors Widow

Winning a year-long legal battle, a Torrance widow of a self-employed brick mason was allowed the maximum death benefit payment by the Industrial Accident Commission. It was revealed this week.

Representing Mrs. Elizabeth B. Hart, 1225 1/2 Aeolia avenue, was James M. Hall, local attorney.

Mrs. Hart was awarded \$7500 death benefit payment, \$1100 medical expenses, and \$300 funeral expenses for loss of her late husband.

Her husband, Thomas Hart, a brick mason, died on October 2, 1948, from silicosis, an industrial disease contracted through years of work with silicon fire bricks which are used in the construction of furnaces.

The case brought a new decision after several hearings in Long Beach and Los Angeles. The hearings were conducted to determine if a claimant had a right to withdraw an action after the matter had been brought before the accident commission.

William Allen White purchased the Emporia Gazette for \$6000.

Sudden acquaintance brings repentance.—John Ray.



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